

Coalition of CT Sportsmen

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Support: [H.B. No. 5384](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE TURN IN POACHERS AND LOBSTER RESTORATION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. (ENV)

Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis and distinguished members of the Environment Committee.

This is valuable legislation to enhance enforcement of environmental laws and regulations written by this legislature and the DEEP. Charitable contributions paid in lieu of a fine for any conservation violation should go back to DEEP. Reports from citizens are vital for effective enforcement of CT's environmental laws. There are approximately 53 Environmental Conservation Police Officers in CT, each patrolling an average of 104.6 square miles. They do it all. Citizens can help by reporting every environmental conservation law violation that they observe or suspect. TIP is not only a great incentive to the public to say something if they see something, it also in the past has provided DEEP with extra revenue to purchase a trailer for public outreach. We urge you to JF this to the floor unanimously. Thank You.